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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

On October 15, 2009, the Senate cleared, by a vote of 80 to 17, the conference report to H.R. 3183, the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, sending it to the President for his signature. The House previously approved the conference report by a vote of 308 to 114. The bill does not include any new appropriations for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, which received \$3.2 billion in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

H.R. 3183 includes funding for civil works projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers, including the following funding for projects of County interest:

- Marina del Rey Maintenance Dredging North and South Entrances and Main Channel (\$1,406,000);
- Los Angeles County Drainage Area Operations and Maintenance (\$4,369,000);
- Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study (\$224,000);
- Coast of California Sediment Master Plan (\$762,000);
- Sun Valley Watershed Project Feasibility Study (\$314,000);
- Tujunga Wash Restoration Project (unspecified amount); and
- Whittier Narrows Dam Water Conservation and Supply Feasibility Study (\$134,000).

FFY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

On October 20, 2009, the Senate cleared, by a vote of 79 to 19, the conference report to H.R. 2892, the FFY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, sending it to the President for his signature. The House previously approved it by a vote of 307 to 114.

The bill includes the following FFY 2010 funding levels for homeland security grant programs of County interest:

- \$890 million for the State Homeland Security Grant (the same as in FFY 2009);
- \$887 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (\$49.5 million increase);
- \$420 million for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (\$210 million increase);
- \$315 million for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (\$25 million increase); and
- \$50 million for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant (same as in FFY 2009);

As requested by the Obama Administration, H.R. 2892 also extends for three years the authorization for the E-Verify program for three years. The conference agreement provides \$137 million for E-Verify, which is an Internet-based system that employers may use to verify whether an employee is eligible to work in the United States.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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